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Applicants:

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SEQUENCE-BASED MUTATION ANALYSIS NEOPLASTIC TISSUE FOR DIAGNOSIS OR PROGNOSIS OF THE NEOPLASIA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

January 15, 1996

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified new application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 5, line 1, change "claim 3 or 4" to --claim 3--; Claim 10, line 1, change "any one of claims 1 to 9" to --claim 1--.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are now present in this application.

The above amendments to the claims are merely to delete the improper multiple dependency and to place the application into better form prior to examination. Favorable action on the aboveidentified application is respectfully requested.